

REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Price for his helpful comments and suggestions during the telephonic interview on September 9, 2005. Specifically, the Examiner and Applicants' attorney discussed the outstanding rejections and amendments made in the instant Amendment.

Claims 1-4, 12-19 and 28-31 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 2 and 4 are amended. Accordingly, upon entry of the amendments presented herein, claims 1-4, 12-19 and 28-31 will remain pending. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, and at least in claims 1, 2 and 4 as originally filed.

No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully submit that amendments were made solely to clarify the language of the claims. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in one or more separate applications.

In view of the amendments made herein, Applicants believe that the pending application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicants' attorney would help expedite the prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned.

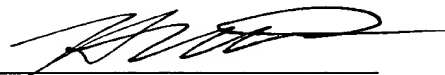
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Applicant believes no fee is due with this statement. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. NIW-009USRCE2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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